

House Study Bill 555 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SWAIM)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the calculation of earned time for an inmate
2 in a correctional institution.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 903A.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Category "A" sentences are those sentences which are not
5 subject to a maximum accumulation of earned time of fifteen
6 percent of the total sentence of confinement under section
7 902.12. To the extent provided in subsection 5, category "A"
8 sentences also include life sentences imposed under section
9 902.1. An inmate of an institution under the control of
10 the department of corrections who is serving a category "A"
11 sentence is eligible for a reduction of sentence equal to
12 one and ~~two-tenths~~ one-half days for each day the inmate
13 demonstrates good conduct and satisfactorily participates in
14 any program or placement status identified by the director to
15 earn the reduction. The programs include but are not limited
16 to the following:

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill relates to the calculation of earned time for an
19 inmate.

20 Under the bill, the amount of earned time an inmate is
21 eligible to earn for a reduction of sentence increases from
22 1.2 days to 1.5 days for each day the inmate demonstrates good
23 conduct and satisfactorily participates in any program or
24 placement status identified by the director of the department
25 of corrections to earn the reduction.